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Mary Washington College is not an address. Your mail is delivered to you through College Station Post Office after you have been assigned a Post Office box. Have mail addressed to your Post Office box number, as mail is worked according to box numbers.

A maximum of two students will be allowed to share a Post Office box. Students who have boxes together should live in the same building, as they will be required to take parcels for each other.

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Remember that your success in college depends entirely upon you. You can make your school career seem like a glorious dream if you try. I love Mary Washington because of all of its many attributes, and also I don't think you will ever find a more beautiful and friendly campus. In the spring when every thing is in bloom, this spot of the country is just magnificent.

I feel quite sure that you will be proud of Mary Washington college. (Continued on Page 2)

## Class of '54 Returns For 1965 Alumnae Weekend

The sound of a furry grey body was heard hurling itself against the screen, and we realized that we were once again in Ball, where the squirrels and pigeons make merry in the vines. "Dorm life" had changed only slightly. But hark! the sound of "Answer that telephone!" was heard. We the class of '54, were back at Mary Washington, last strong-hold of the Southern lady.

The itinerary was full of enchanting events, similar to those we engaged in which we were students—eating and sleeping. First on the agenda was breakfast. Due to a series of business successes, our lavish wardrobes of one shower cap and a raincoat overflowed from our brown bags found in Walter Hall. Whipping into our shower caps, as we wanted to save our raincoats for the alumnae Banquet, we went to the Post Office, where we found old library summonses and advertisements in plain brown wrappers still reposing on the floor. There we also found Mrs. Nan O'Connor, peering into her cobwebbed box.

We fell into the breakfast line immediately upon exiting from the Post Office. As we sat around the table, we sang gay Devil-Goat ditties. We noticed Pat Bainbridge

and Betty Bartz surrounded by a platoon of Marines. Millie Russell was looking particularly prosperous in her mum, acquiring through wages earned at Station BARF at Waikiki. Helen Reardon had just returned from Mongolia, where she has been ministering to the denizens of the salt mine, suffering from acute goiter. The Circulatory Editor of *Dummy Magazine*, Sam Scarborough, was also present. Reminiscences ended when it was time to return to Ball, where "Get Lost, Alumnae" signs decked the pillars. We hastened to our cubicles to prepare them for the scrutinizing eye of Miss Biscoe, who still roams the halls in search of prey. We supplemented our breakfast by boiling absinthe and spirits of camphor which we had concealed in our valises. (heh, heh!) The years had been hard, so we jumped at the chance for rest—in fact, we jumped into bed in order to ready ourselves for the tea to be given at Brompton Manor. At the stroke of 12, which was signified by the clock striking 2:15, we arose, unrested. The frolicsome '54-ers had been as boisterous as ever. Screams of "Anyone for bridge?" "We need a fifth," and "Get me a grape-squir and a chocolate-cornbeef combination

sandwich at the C!" were uttered by Dotty Schenk and Dawn Van Buskirk. Speaking of Dawn, she has just returned from her nuptials in a hangar at Pensacola.

Forming a regiment of old bunnies, we congregated in the parlor, where Pat Josepha was playing "The Gollwog's Cake-walk." Everyone was smartly attired in the pillowcases so thoughtfully provided by Mrs. Faulkner. Also in the line were many mop-pets, children of our prolific class, for whom an afternoon's entertainment had gone to the Home Management House, where Meechie Yokagawa and Janie Vinzant have happily remained for the last ten years. We hobbled over the warped bricks to the buffet lunch that had been planned for us by C-Shoppe Harry and his staff of nimble caterers. Jean Armstrong had arrived two days before but had kindly left us several packages of Nabs and the dregs of the punch. We were entertained by Bettie Christopher and Liz Mason singing "Nature Boy" to perfection. It was rumored they had been appearing at Rand's in "Madame Butterfly."

When B. J. Cox blew her trusty whistle, we automatically raced back to the dorm for a house meet-

ing, where Ruthie Gillespie announced that "someone had stolen the ding-dong." Shocked by this news, we immediately took a collection. The last event was the Banquet, sumptuously displayed for the "Life Goes to a Party" photographer, by none other than Baba Wilson.

Ann Holmes, clad in a sack dress, was chatting with Sylvia Barlow and Lucy Mae Redman. They had been camp counselors ever since graduation, and looked extremely healthy, with their bee stings, poison ivy, and rattlesnake bites. Ann Lewis Payne's farewell address hinted that we should leave.

It was with real regret that we thought of leaving this campus and what would probably be our last Alumnae weekend, as we are on our way to the Klondike to utilize our B.A. degrees by serving as Geiger counters for a uranium prospector. We said goodbye, but For All We Know, we may meet again.

### Main Speakers

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chaplain of Camp Merrit. He will give the Commencement address May 31.

## Jane Black Wins 2 Science Awards

Jane Black, daughter of Dr. Zoe Black, assistant professor of biology here, and 17 year-old senior at James Monroe High School, won two honorary awards at a joint convention of state science groups in Charlottesville on May 7.

She was named winner of the Maj. Catesby Jones Award for the high school scientist showing the most outstanding promise in research ability. The award was announced by the Virginia Junior Academy of Science.

At the same time she was named one of 15 winners of the 1954 talent search conducted by the senior Virginia Academy of Science. Winners of the talent search are eligible for scholarships at colleges of their choice.

Jane has previously won several science awards for her exhibit of rocks and minerals collected from the Potomac River. She is president of the James Monroe Science Club, and plans to pursue mineralogy in college.

Father, gazing at the triplets the nurse has just carried out of the delivery room: "Let me see now—I believe we'll take the one in the middle."

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## Life At Mary Washington

By Morgan L. Combs, President

I wish to congratulate you upon your admission to Mary Washington. You are especially fortunate in view of the great number of students to whom it was necessary to deny admission to the College because of limited accommodations. I wish to assure you that we are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to having you with us and that we shall do everything possible to make your stay here both pleasant and profitable.

As you perhaps know, Mary Washington has high academic standards and places great emphasis upon the humanities. Insofar as is possible, every student is given individual attention and every effort is made to personalize and humanize all instruction. The administration is committed to the idea that quality and spirit should be given consideration in connection with all subject-matter.

The College is fortunate in having one of the most beautiful and adequate plants in the country and ample opportunity is given to all students not only for intellectual attainment, but for social development. In brief, Mary Washington is interested in life at its best and strives always to stimulate clear thinking, high ideals, and wholesome and gracious living. Every effort is made here to insure the perpetuation of our democratic way of life and to assist young women in becoming intelligent, loyal and useful leaders and citizens.

In any event, your lot should be a happy one and I hope that you will realize early in your college career that for most people this period of four years is the happiest of their lives, and that the experiences, memories and friendships acquired here will become a priceless possession and lend glamor and zest throughout your life.

## An Opportunity and a Challenge

By Edward Alvey, Jr., Dean

To Members of the Freshman Class:

It is a pleasure to welcome you as students of Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. I hope that you will enjoy your stay here and will take full advantage of the opportunities offered for liberal and cultural development.

Our records indicate that you have been successful in your high school work. You have been highly recommended by your principal and others. We have every reason to believe that you will be successful in college. However, it all depends upon you.

Education is a co-operative process. Both instructor and student have reciprocal responsibilities. Strictly speaking, all education is self-education in that it depends upon the interest, activity, and response of the learner. Only through the alertness and responsiveness of the student can take place the growth and development of the attitudes, appreciations, understandings, and abilities that constitute what we call learning or education.

Consequently, I urge you to make the most of your opportunities here. The standard of accomplishment required is relatively high. And yet, every effort will be made to help you attain it. Faculty advisers will also be glad to help you with problems that may arise throughout your freshman year. Consult them and seek their assistance.

Each of your instructors is ready to help you in making satisfactory progress in his course. Do not hesitate to ask his aid if you do not understand the assignments or if you are having difficulty with the work. Then, too, all of us in the administrative offices are at your service. Please let us know if we can help you.

I wish for all of you a happy and successful career in college. I hope that four years from now we may number you among the ever-increasing list of graduates at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia, a group of young women who have sought as their goal intellectual development, scholarly attainment, and social and moral responsibility.

## New Sophomore Dorm Offers Many More Conveniences

Ready for the Sophomores this fall will be the brand new dorms, called, as a unit, "The Golden Horseshoe." The south unit has been named in honor of Martha Randolph, Thomas Jefferson's daughter, and the north unit has been named in honor of Anne Mason, mother of George Mason. The new dorms will house 363 students. There are eight three-bed rooms, and all the rest are two-bed rooms. The buildings are of Georgian architecture. Although the total cost cannot be estimated yet, over a million and a half dollars will be spent on the units, the most expensive construction ever undertaken by the college.

The rooms will go unpainted for the first year so that the plaster can thoroughly dry. The bedrooms are larger than the average college dorm rooms, and each room has had a pre-planning of furniture arrangement. Under the windows of the bedrooms there will be built-in book shelves which have never before been provided

in college rooms. All the doors will be plain with no paneling. Each two-girl room has two closets, and each three-girl room has three; so there are no worries about space, especially when there are storage rooms on each floor. The bedrooms will be furnished with either cherry or maple furniture. Hollywood beds will be used throughout the building. Suites and single rooms have private baths. The baths are tiled and equipped with showers instead of tubs. In order to help you look your best for that big date, there will be full-length mirrors on the bathroom doors and on each stair landing.

On each floor there will be at least one telephone. A buzzer system will be used by the hostess to summon a girl to the telephone or waiting room. In each of the large dorms (there are two large dorms and one connecting dorm) there will be a waiting room for women callers. Provision for a cloak room and a men's wash room have also been made. After the girl has



## Recreational Activities Offered in Student Activities Center

Ann Carter Lee Hall, the student activities center on campus, was completed in the Spring of '53. It was named in honor of the mother of Robert E. Lee, who was a descendant of the famous Robert "King" Carter of the Colonial period.

The building offers a great deal in the way of recreation. It houses a modern indoor swimming pool, bowling alleys, two large lounges, which can be used for studying or entertaining guests, and a tea room, known as the Terrace Room. On the top story there is a large ballroom, the Gothic Room, which runs almost the full length of the building. There are rooms for ping-pong and pool, as well as two Pentair Rooms which are for the informal entertainment of dates and friends. There is a large terrace in front of the building, which in warm weather is used for both formal and informal dances.

Other facilities of the building include the office of the recreational director, the Alumnae office, class rooms for physical education, and a room for the use of off-campus students and town girls.

It will be greatly to your advantage to become fully acquainted with all the facilities and conveniences of this building. During the past year Mary Washington students have found it to be a source of relaxation, fun, and recreation.

received her date, she may take him to the more formal parlor; or the less formal recreation room downstairs. In each dorm there will be a kitchenette which means refreshments can be served. The girls aren't the only ones living in luxury. The hostesses will have equipped laundries, a well as fully equipped kitchenettes with plenty of cupboard and shelf space. Because of the hillside location, no girl has to climb more than three floors to get to her room, although there are five floors.

A parking lot that will accommodate 150 cars is located in the rear of the buildings. On the deck between the large dorms, stones will be laid and steps similar to those in front of Anne Carter Lee will be erected. There will be a fountain and pool between the steps, which will be illuminated at night.

If you have not heard from your Big Sister by August 20, please notify Elaine Schmitz, 408 Winthrop Rd., Union, New Jersey.

## Varied Services Offered By Office of Bursar

"Where can I cash a check? Is there any place where I can leave my money for safekeeping so that I won't have to carry it around in my purse? How about the payment of college fees?" The answers to these, Miss Freshman, are supplied by Mr. Edgar E. Woodward, the college bursar.

So that students need not keep large sums of money in their possession, the Bursar's Office offers a service called the Student Deposit Fund, which operates very much as does a savings bank account. A student who wishes to do so may deposit money in the fund, either in person or by mail, and she will be given a pass book to indicate the balance to her credit. When she wishes to withdraw money from her account, she will make out withdrawal slips and present them, together with her pass book, at the bursar's office.

The bursar will be glad to cash a student's checks if he is supplied with a letter of recommendation by an officer of the bank in which she keeps her checking account.

## Returning Freshman

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lege, as she will be of you—The Class of '58.

I wish for you the best of everything in your four wonderful years of college life.

Barbara Leonard  
Baltimore, Maryland

## College Calendar 1954-1955

Dormitories open Sunday, September 12.

Thanksgiving holidays after classes Wednesday, November 24, to first class Monday, November 29.

Christmas holidays after classes Friday, December 17, to first class Tuesday, January 4.

Between semesters holiday after last exam Thursday, January 27, to first class Monday, January 31.

Spring holidays after classes Thursday, April 7, to first class Wednesday, April 13.

Final examinations beginning May 20 to May 27.

Graduating Exercises Monday, May 30.

## You May Go To Charlottesville

A college weekend, of course! This is one of the wonderful things to look forward to in college.

Once you have received "THE" invitation and have accepted, you want to be sure to go to the Dean of Women's office and register for a room in Charlottesville. The University of Virginia requires that all visiting students be placed in rooms approved by the college, so be sure to sign up for yours as soon as you accept the invitation or no later than five o'clock the Thursday before.

You will arrive, unless your escort calls for you, by bus, or you and your friends may rent a taxi for the trip. Be sure to go immediately to the home of your hostess, or telephone to let her know you are in town and give her some idea when she may expect you.

Unless it is a special occasion, the clothes you need will be simple. Tailored suits and wool dresses for the most part, and Bermuda shorts for picnics and such. Ask your date his plans so you can be sure to take what you'll need.

When the weekend is over, be sure to thank your hostess as well as your date. Your hostess' hospitality has made your fun possible. Remember when you pay her, that most of the hostesses put up college girls mainly to provide them with suitable accommodations.

Leave early enough to be back here before the deadline. Rushing and tearing and hasty farewells are no way to end a perfect weekend!

I know you are looking forward to next year. There are lots of new things to look forward to, and you'll love it! And when you go to Charlottesville, "Have a good time!"

See you soon.  
Sue Withers, Junior  
Long Island, N. Y.

## Return Medical Report

Students entering Mary Washington College for the first time this year must return to the Director of Admissions the Medical Examination Report which they have received. It should be filled out and signed by a qualified physician.

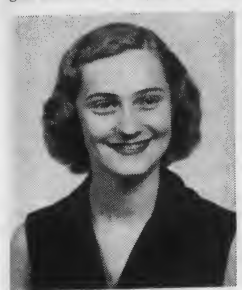
This report is supplemented at registration by another examination given by the Department of Physical Education to determine the need, if any, of corrective exercise.

## Y.W.C.A. President Outlines Activities

Dear "You All,"

It is with a great deal of pleasure that Y.W.C.A. welcomes you to your future Alma Mater. During the summer, every member of Y.W.C.A. Cabinet is thinking about you, the class of '58; and we are anticipating the opportunity which will be ours in getting to know you and working with you. Freshmen always have a certain spark which is so vital to college life.

Sometime this summer you will receive a letter from your "Big Sister." She is an upperclassman who wants to be your friend and advisor. Throughout the year, "Y" will sponsor "Big-Little Sister" activities in which you will want to participate. The Sunday after you arrive is known as "Big-Little Sister Church Day." It is customary on this day for the Big Sisters to take the Little Sisters to church. Another "Big-Little Sister" affair is the Kid Party—highlight to the "Big-Little Sister" activities. So be sure to bring your most childlike dress along for the gala affair. It's really loads of fun!



**DOROTHY BARTON BOOTH**, the president of Y. W. C. A., is majoring in Psychology. She has been very active in the Baptist Student Union, was a Freshman Commission Advisor, and an Ex-Officio of Student Government. Her home is in Columbus, Georgia.

On the day you arrive you will want to get your freshman hat for Mouse Week. And you will wear your hat until the big pep rally, September 24, at which you will be fully initiated into M.W.C. Beware!!! If you don't wear your hat, you'll find that some upperclassman will put you to work doing some small chore. Don't be too discouraged, though, as you'll have your big opportunity to get back at the upperclassmen!

The members of Y.W.C.A. are hoping that each of you will find your place in the "Y" Freshman Commission groups which are composed of about twenty girls. You will meet with an upperclassman who will guide you in becoming more familiar with "Y" and its many functions. As a member of one of the Commission groups you will also make a doll or toy and enter it in the annual Freshman Toy show which is scheduled for December 11. The toys will then be distributed among the needy children in the community at Christmas time. By participating in the "toy making," you will be making Christmas a lot happier for many little children.

A few of the other activities which "Y" sponsors are Peanut Week, Vespers each evening in the dorms, radio programs, chapel and convocation programs and Religious Emphasis Week. R.E. Week will be held in February and truly will be a week for each of you. Through these many activities Y.W.C.A. strives to promote mental, social and spiritual growth.

On behalf of the Y.W.C.A., I should like to tell each of you again that we are looking forward to meeting you and working with you; but most of all we are looking forward to being your friend. And again I say WELCOME. Most sincerely,  
Dorothy "Dotty" Booth  
President of the Y.W.C.A.

## S. G. A. President Explains Purpose

Hello Class of '58:

Welcome to Mary Washington! You are just beginning that long anticipated college career. Very soon the big day of your arrival at college will come. Your entrance upon the Hill is a new chapter in your life. The college as we know it today is the result of work, inspirations, and continuous planning by those who have preceded us. To them we owe not only our loyalty to the standards they strive to achieve for the college, but still further our hopes, our ideals and our efforts to make Mary Washington an even better place for those who will follow us. We are going to try to help to make your stay here at M.W.C. both enjoyable and successful in every possible way. We hope that you will learn to love and honor Mary Washington as much as we do, and that you will feel that at all times we, your Student Council, and the upperclassmen are your friends. We want you to help us "to hold high the torch"—our symbol—by carrying out the traditions of Mary Washington, her dreams, ideals, and aspirations.

Here you have an opportunity to make of your life what you want. Begin to meet the goals you've set in life. There is a great deal more to college than just book learning—this learning will have no meaning unless you can apply it to everyday life. "You get out of something only what you put into it!"—these words apply particularly to college. There is surely no feeling quite as good as knowing that you have done your very best in an undertaking.

At a time when the very foundation of American democracy is being threatened, it is essential that the principle of democracy be kept alive. Upon entering M.W.C. as members of the student body, you will automatically be-



**MARIAN THOMAS MINOR**, the president of Student Government, is majoring in Physical Education. She was President of the P. E. Majors Club, house-president of Virginia Dorm, Librarian of R. A., a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, and has been elected to Cap and Gown. Her home is in Richmond, Virginia.

come a member of the Student Government Association. The first of November you will elect a member of your class to represent and to speak for you on Student Council, our legislative body. As new students you can contribute to the betterment of our college government with your suggestions and your interest. For one of your biggest goals we want you to accept your responsibility as an individual member of the Student Government Association and to cooperate with the administration and Student Council to the fullest extent. If you have a question, problem, or a suggestion concerning the student body or yourself, we want you to tell it to a mem-

ber of Student Council so we can try to do something about it. Do not gossip and fuss over it with your friends. There is where the principle of democracy lives when you accept the responsibility to practice it.

We hope you will soon receive, if you have not already received, a copy of the "Bayonet." This is the student publication which contains the rules, regulations, songs and traditions of Mary Washington. Each year this handbook is revised by a student committee and suggestions are made which will make the book meet the desires and changes of the student body. These are all subject to the approval of a faculty committee. Enrollment at the college constitutes a promise on the part of the student and her parents or guardian to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of the college, student government, and the Honor System, and to adapt to such regulations concerning them as long as the student remains in the college.

At this point you probably feel the only purpose of the Student Government Association is to enforce the rules and to promote loyalty. We hope you do not feel this way. In trying to further the best interests of the student body we sponsor many projects which are loads of fun. For example, two of the things which we sponsored last year were the formal May Day dance, and the annual Faculty-Student Picnic. In closing I would personally want to welcome you and again extend a hearty welcome to each of you from the members of Student Council. If at any time you have a problem—big or small—I'd like to assure you I will do my best to help you with it.

See you in September,  
Marian Minor,  
President, S. G. A.

## R.A. President Welcomes Frosh.

Dear Freshmen,

On behalf of the members of the Recreation Association, I would like to welcome you to Mary Washington College. We are looking forward to having each of you with us next year.

"The purpose of the Recreation Association shall be to promote wholesome and healthful activity, to stimulate an interest in sports, dance and recreation, to create a spirit of good sportsmanship and to cooperate with other campus organizations in promoting and maintaining the highest standards of college life." This is the purpose of the Recreation Association as stated in the Constitution. With this purpose in mind, we the members of your R.A. Council offer many varied activities throughout the year. When you first arrive you will meet many of the Council members. You will recognize them immediately as they will be dressed in white and will be wearing their blue and white arm bands. They will be there to help you and to answer any questions which you may have.

The first week you are here, R.A. will have a cabin party for you. It will include a camp fire, songs, refreshments and lots of fun. We hope to see you all there. Throughout the year R.A. offers many and varied activities to the student body. We sponsor informal dances, teas, banquets, cabin parties, sleigh rides, and a Korney Karnival which is the annual benefit. Included in the year's activities are tournaments in basketball, golf, bowling, fencing, riding, volleyball, badminton, ping-pong, bridge, softball, archery, hockey, and tennis. If there are any other practical and possible activities which you would like to have all you need do is ask for them.



**EILEEN MARIE CELLA**, the president of Recreation Association, is majoring in Physical Education. She has been vice-president of the Recreation Association, director of the "Korney Karnival," and has been very active in R. A. and the P. E. Majors Club. Her home is in Trenton, New Jersey.

Since you will be entering college in an even year, 1954, you will be classed as Goats. Girls entering on odd years are Devils. Throughout the year there is Devil-Goat competition in many activities. This rivalry is climaxed at the end of the year on Devil-Goat Day. This exciting day begins at 6:00 A.M. with an Olympic Run and marathon races. Throughout the day there are all sorts of competitive activities for which points are given. At the end of the day there is a Pep Rally in the outdoor theatre which includes games, cheers, and a skit given by each team. The points are compiled and the winner is announced.

I have tried to give you an outline of the activities which are sponsored by R.A. We hope to see you participating in as many of them as possible. We are looking forward to seeing you next year and hope you will love Mary Washington as we do. We wish you the best of luck and success in the next four years. See you in September!

Sincerely,  
Eileen M. Cella, President  
Recreation Association

## More Than Sixty Clubs Enrich Life At Mary Washington

The Inter-Club Association welcomes you and wishes for each of you the best four years of your life. And to help our wish along, the more than sixty clubs on the "Hill" are already planning activities with you in mind.

Departmental clubs here at M.W.C. include Art, Athenaeum for students interested in classical languages, Le Cercle Francais, El Club Hispanoamericano, Italian Club, Home Economics Club, Matthew Fontaine Maury Science Club, Pi Nu Chi open to girls in the pre-nursing curriculum, Sigma Omega Chi for sociology students, Psychology Club and Mike Club. The Alumnae Daughters, composed of girls whose mothers attended M.W.C., International Relations Club, Concert Dance Club, Junior Dance Club, Mary Washington Players, Cavalry and Footprints for riding enthusiasts, Junior Swim Club and Terrapin for

expert swimmers are also among the many clubs available. Auditions are held each year for girls interested in joining the Mary Washington Choir and Glee Club.

Among the religious organizations are the Baptist Student Union, Canterbury Club (Episcopalian), Christian Science Organization, Disciples Student Fellowship, Hillel (Jewish), Lutheran Organization, Newman Club (Catholic), Wesley Foundation (Methodist), and Westminster Fellowship (Presbyterian).

Besides these clubs I have listed, M.W.C. also has nine honorary departmental organizations which are Alpha Psi Omega (Drama-

tics), Zeta Phi Eta (Speech), Chi Beta Phi (Science), Eta Sigma Chi (Classical), Phi Sigma Iota (Romance Languages), Sigma Tau Delta (English), Pi Gamma Mu (Social Science), Sigma Tau Chi (Commerce) and Mu Phi Epsilon (Music).

The National nonoratory fraternity which recognizes high scholarship is Alpha Phi Sigma. Any student maintaining a 2.5 (B plus) average for two semesters is eligible for membership.

Have a wonderful vacation, and we'll see you in the Fall.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Bidwell, President  
Inter-club Association

## Honor Code is Hallowed Tradition

Dear Class of '58,

To all of you, a most hearty WELCOME! I may be somewhat prejudiced, but I feel that you made one of the wisest choices in your life when you selected Mary Washington for your school of higher learning. We all love Mary Washington so much, and I'm confident that you will soon share that same love for her.

She offers you vast opportunities for spiritual, mental, physical, and social growth; a beautiful, inspiring campus; endless facilities for recreation; a student body of the finest, friendliest students with whom to associate; and a faculty of efficient professors who are ever ready to serve you.

But in addition to all of these, there is something more—something intangible within every student. It is a spirit of honor which allows one to act no less than honorably at all times, whether in the classroom, dormitory, or on campus. It is the strength of that spirit of honor within each student which determines the strength of our Honor System—soon to be your Honor System. This System has been a hallowed tradition at Mary Washington for many years, and it is held in high

esteem by the student body.

Many of you have probably never lived under an Honor System before, but you will find that  
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**MARTHA BELLE LYLE**, the president of Honor Council, is majoring in Music. She was president of her freshman, sophomore, and junior classes, and was elected the most outstanding sophomore of her class, a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, Alpha Phi Sigma, and was elected to Cap and Gown. Her home is in Goshen, Virginia.



**CAROLYN SUZANNE BIDWELL**, the president of Interclub Association, is majoring in Dramatic Arts and Speech. She has been active in Zeta Phi Eta, speech fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, drama fraternity, and the Strawberry Leaf Society. She was president of the Mike Club, a member of Alpha Phi Sigma and is now a member of Cap and Gown. Her home is in Richmond, Virginia.

## Clothes Needed

By Helen Wilkins, Sophomore  
Washington, D. C.

One of the first suggestions concerning your clothes is that you will find yourself at an advantage if you can bring them in relays (what you need from September to Thanksgiving, from Christmas to Easter and then until June). Of course you can easily pack the clothes which you don't need in your trunk. Remember that all of your clothes will be new to everyone else so you need not be extravagant and buy an entirely new wardrobe. As closet space may be limited and you will certainly want to be considerate of your roommates, you will find that skirt and blouse hangers will help immensely.

For the first few weeks of school you will probably be wearing your summer cottons; but as the weather becomes cooler you will change to jerseys and woolens. At this time you will find the ever-popular shirts and sweaters in style. Cardigans are particularly beneficial as they may be worn over your cottons. Blouses always look nice but present a laundry problem so keep in mind the idea of nylon blouses which are easily washed with no ironing necessary. You also will need a couple of wool jersey or knit dresses or suits, which may be worn for most any occasion. For semi-formal wear you will want a dressy dress or two of taffeta, crepe or velveteen. One or two evening dresses are necessary for such occasions as formal dances or dinners, lyceums and receptions.

Those cold winter days make it a must for a very warm coat. Blazers with our college emblem are very popular on campus too, and can be bought when you arrive.

Comfortable shoes such as loafers, saddle oxfords, and leather flats are always worn. About six pairs of heavy white socks are necessary and knee socks in all colors are favorites with many. Nylon lingerie is most popular because it dries so quickly and about four sets will be ample.

Tailored cotton or nylon pajamas (about three pairs) are preferred; however, short night shirts are also favorites. You will certainly need a bathrobe or Tommy coat and a pair of bedroom slippers.

For the indoor pool, tank suits are furnished, but bring your own bathing suit for those warm spring

## How To Make Your Dorm Room Attractive & Cozy

Since you enrolled in Mary Washington you have probably been wondering what your room will be like and what you will need for it. As you may know you will be living with one or two roommates and all of you will want to make your room as much "like home" as possible. One big word of advice though is that it is best to wait until you and your roommates can decide together what color curtains, bedspreads, and rugs will fit with the color scheme of your new room. A metal waste basket, clothes drier, and bulletin boards are musts for your room also, but these too are best decided upon by you and your roommates. You may be uncertain as to what I mean by a bulletin board. It is a piece of plywood which can be purchased in downtown Fredericksburg, and it is used for tacking all programs, tickets, pennants, etc., on as we are not allowed to use tacks or scotch tape on our doors or walls.

Such things as linens, towels, etc., you can bring from home and should be getting together now. You will need about four single sheets, two pillow cases, four to six towels, three wash cloths, and two blankets. Other things which are nice to have are two laundry bags, a desk or bed lamp, a shoe bag, a dresser scarf, an extension cord, and an alarm clock.

For your own pleasure you will want your stuffed animals for your bed, your high school year book, pennants, and naturally a radio or phonograph.

If you find that your drawer space is limited, you can buy a small cardboard or plastic clothes chest in town.

I feel sure that these items which I have suggested will make your room very comfortable and enjoyable—one of the main parts of college life.

Barbara Pulley, Sophomore  
Warsaw, Virginia

days in the outdoor pool. A hat or two will be needed for church and traveling. Such accessories as belts, neckscarves, collars and dummies are always nice to have.

I'm sure you will think of a few more things you will want to have but I hope these suggestions have been of some help to you.

## M. W. C. Band

The Mary Washington All-Girl Band is one of the most widely known of Virginia bands. It is composed of MWC students who have been members of high school bands from many states.

This year the band made its first out-of-town trip of the season to the Tobacco Festival in Richmond. There the girls not only pleased the crowds as in previous years, but also came home with the 2nd place prize. Other trips last fall included the Oyster Bowl game in Norfolk, University of Virginia vs. Citadel game at Charlottesville, and the Homecoming game at University of Richmond. The Homecoming game at University of Richmond is an annual affair with the Band as guests of the Richmond Band at a dance that night.

Our most outstanding trips each year are the Thalheimer's Toy Parade in Richmond and the Cherry Blossom parade in Washington, D. C. Our band was awarded third place in this latter parade competing with bands from Maine to Florida. Each spring the band represents the state of Ohio in the American Automobile Association parade in the National Capital.

The band participates in activities on campus as well as representing the college out of town. Each year the members present a concert for the student body; the night before Christmas vacation they serenade us with carols under the big Christmas tree on campus; and they lend spirit and pep to the Devil-God Rally each Spring.

Each year we regret losing our Senior members but look forward to greeting new members from the incoming Freshman class. Don't forget to pack your instruments and white boots, or white shoes if you have them, and we'll be seeing you this fall.

## To All Freshman

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sequently, the incoming student should bring with her a set of bed linen, a towel, and other items she will need immediately. Baggage checks for trunks, suit-cases, etc., should be presented to the dormitory hostess.

Built by mission priests more than 200 years ago, a ditch in San Antonio, Texas, still is used for irrigation.

## MWC Bus Enjoyed

Mary Washington College has its own modern, air-conditioned bus with thirty-seven reclining seats. This bus is used to enrich class instruction. Art students use it to visit galleries in Washington, science students go to the Smithsonian; history students visit Congress; psychology students visit state institutions; and all students may go on historic and cultural tours that are arranged by the college. Between semesters a conducted tour to New York City is arranged for Mary Washington College students at a very reasonable cost. The bus takes students to concerts at the Mosque in Richmond and to the concert series in Washington, D. C. Two of the popular trips in the fall are Sunday excursions to the Skyline Drive when the foliage is at its best, and the visit to see Williamsburg with its restorations of Colonial buildings.

## Honor Code

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it requires no more of you than that you be your very best, and that you act honorably at all times. Think about it this summer, and decide within yourself that any weakness of the Honor System at Mary Washington will never be attributed to you.

Again, a BIG, BIG WELCOME, and I'll be seeing you in September! 'Til then—

Most sincerely,  
Martha Lyle, President  
of the Honor Committee

## Frosh Get Counsellors

Freshman students in Virginia and Frances Willard Halls will have new residence counsellors this year.

Mrs. Geraldine Sidwell who holds both B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Iowa, will be in charge of Virginia Hall. She has travelled widely, has studied in France, Cuba, and Mexico, and has had experience in various kinds of work, including teaching. Mrs. Sidwell will act as instructor in French.

Residence Counsellor in Frances Willard Hall will be Mrs. George B. Oliver, who will teach courses in Art. A native of Boston, Mass., Mrs. Oliver graduated from Smith College and received the degree of Master of Arts from Duke University.

Freshman students in other dormitories will be under the

## MWC Week-Ends Are Enjoyable

Although it is true that we study hard during the week, week-ends are gala occasions at Mary Washington.

May Day weekend is the most important, of course, with its informal reception and formal dance, but the two other formal dance weekends are just as exciting. You'll find yourselves so caught up in the excitement of tea dances, concerts, dinners in town, and the formal itself in our beautiful Gothic Room or on the Terrace in spring, that it seems as if you're in a dream—and what a never-to-be-forgotten dream!

But formal dances are not the only kind we have here. There are also many informals scattered throughout the year. If you haven't a date, then here's the place to get one because fellows come from far and near—without dates! You'd be surprised how many bids to U. Va., Randolph-Macon, V.P.I., V.M.I., W. & L. and other schools are made at these informals. Occasionally we get quite informal and have square dances which are loads of fun.

Of no small importance are the tea dance trips to Annapolis and the University of Virginia that you will be making. Everyone has a chance to go and meet that one and only midshipman or cavalier.

If you tire of dancing, you may turn to other means of entertainment. The pride of M. W. C. is her benefits. Y.W.C.A., R.A., and each class present one each year. Be sure to come to school with your song and dance routine because everyone takes part. For those of us who aren't too talented, there is always scenery to be painted, lights to work, or programs to be written and passed out.

M. W. C.'s Cavalry and Hoof-prints Club present fine horse shows, the Terrapin Club has its annual Aquacade, M.W.C. Players present wonderful plays, and you will have a chance to enter the various sports tournaments. When you're all out of other things to do, you'll find a good movie in G. W. Auditorium. So, you see, there really is never a dull moment. Come to Mary Washington all set for lots of fun—because that's exactly what's in store for you!!!

Barbara Pulley

supervision of the Assistant Dean of Women and of their dormitory hostesses.

